



IAWA

International Archive of Women in Architecture Center
MILKA BLIZNAKOV

Student Research Prize - School of Architecture + Design
Call for Proposals

Open: March 1, 2016

Deadline for receipt of proposals: **April 15, 2016**

The IAWA Center invites students of the School of Architecture + Design at Virginia Tech to honor IAWA founder Milka Bliznakov through research on women in architecture and related design fields. This research, in concert with the preservation efforts of the IAWA, will help fill the current void in historical knowledge about women's professional achievements. The archive encourages such research in addition to the goal of preserving archival materials related to the work of women who shaped the designed environment, thus preserving for posterity a record of their achievements.

The Board of Advisors of the International Archive of Women in Architecture Center (IAWA) presents this Annual Prize of \$1000 following a two-stage process:

STAGE ONE: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

In Stage One, students submit their proposal, which outlines the work they plan to complete at the Archive, and should include the following elements:

- 1.** Outline of research to be completed, including a listing of the specific IAWA collections to be consulted in the research. See the guide to the collections here: <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa/guide.html>
- 2.** Proposed schedule to include a talk open to the school, university community and the general public
- 3.** Intended product of research, a copy of which is to be donated to the archive upon completion. Examples of the product of research may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Visual or physical original work that references and/or utilizes research from the Archive
 - Research paper
 - Book documenting the activities and work of the research endeavor (may be self-published)

- Notebook or sketchbook produced from the research endeavor

A 500-word proposal with curriculum vitae must be received or postmarked by **April 15, 2016**. The proposal should be submitted both electronically as a PDF, and as a hardcopy.

Proposals may include an original project, research, or scholarly work that contributes to and advances the recognition of women's contributions in design. The proposal shall draw upon and expand the IAWA collections to reflect upon the broader context of women's contributions in the field of design. The product of the work should be specified in the proposal.

Students graduating Spring 2016 may apply for the Milka Bliznakov Research Prize announced at <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/IAWA/Bliznakov/Bliznakov.html>

STAGE TWO:

The IAWA Jury awards the Milka Bliznakov - Student Research Prize: SoA+D for the research proposal that best demonstrates an important advancement in the recognition of women's contributions to architecture and the related design fields while encouraging the use and growth of the International Archive of Women in Architecture. The winner will be announced by **April 30, 2016**. The final project must be completed by **October 15, 2016**.

The prize money of \$1000 will be awarded upon receipt of the final product. The final project will become a part of the IAWA to contribute to the historical record. If further information is required, please contact Helene Renard, helene@vt.edu.

Proposals should be sent to:

IAWA Center Executive Committee
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